ELECTRO-TELEGRAPHIC PROGRESS.—The directors of the London and North Western Railway Company are said to have rejected the overtures made by the Electric-Telegraph Company to secure a monopoly of that line for the wires of the company. Operations, according to the *Liverpool Albion*, will be immediately commenced by the new company to open communication between Liverpool and London. The machines belonging to this company have been transferred from their offices, in the Exchange, to the Exhibition Building, in Hyde Park.

FARM BUILDINGS BILL.—A Bill has been brought into the House of Commons by Mr. Baillie Cochrane and Mr. Forbes, to "extend the provisions of 'The Drainage of Lands Act, 1849,' to the advance of private money for the erection and repair of Farm Buildings on Lands in Great Britain and Ireland,"—the expense to be charged upon the inheritance of such lands, said expense not in any case to exceed 18 months' value of the land, unless the money laid out be not borrowed, but advanced by the existing owner himself. All buildings so erected must be insured against fire: why not stipulate that they be fire-proof as well?

CENTENARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES.—The dinner held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday evening, to celebrate this event, passed off brilliantly. Lord Mahon made an excellent address, and was ably seconded by the Duke of Northumberland, Chevalier Bünsen, M. Van de Weyer, Dean Milman, and many others. There were about 120 persons present, including many well-known men.

COMPLETION OF THE NELSON COLUMN, TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.—"A Sailor" suggests that for the temporary completion referred to in THE BUILDER, "a heavy mortar on its bed on each pediment would be better than a spidery field-piece, and they could with ease be brought from the Tower."

ENGLISH *versus* FRENCH GLASS.—The importation of glass into France is at present prohibited. Special permission has, however, been granted by the French Government for the introduction of a quantity of Hartley's Patent Rough Plate for experimental purposes, on the application of some influential horticulturists, who have witnessed the results attained by the use of that article in this country.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—The probable Friday evening arrangements after Easter are as follow:—May 2nd. Astronomer Royal—On total Eclipse of Sun, July 28;—9th. Professor Baden Powell—On the recent Pendulum Experiment, showing Rotation of Earth;—16th. Capt. W. H. Shippard—On Central America, and the Ship Canal;—23rd. Professor Hosking—On Ventilation by the Parlour Fire;—30th. Col. Rawlinson—On Babylon and Nineveh;—June 6th. Professor Alex. Williamson—On Dynamics of Chemistry;—13th. Professor Faraday—On Schönbein's Ozone.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"G. H. A.," "J. W.," "J. B.," "P. P.," "Mrs B.," "Agricola" (must get confidence in those who have the management), "J. H. and Sons," "Philarchaist," "J. M.," "H. S. L" (we cannot interfere: the letters could appear as an advertisement), "C. and S.," "J. B. D.," "G. M.," "S. S.," "G. W. K.," "S. H.," "W. A. P.," "R. J. C.," "W. A.," "W. T.," "E. Y." (we are unable to give any opinion), "W. S.," "H. B.," "R. G.," "J. S. E." (should take our notice in good part, and do himself justice by a revision), "E. S." (we can obtain neither blocks nor reply), "T. Y. E." (we used to give such lists, but they were found to mislead), "W.," "G. G.," "A Looker-On," "J. B., jun." (we are not disposed to give an opinion on a matter *sub judice*), "A Mechanic" (the term *ferro-vitreous* was first, half-jokingly, used in THE BUILDER, as applicable to buildings of glass and iron), "B. B." (we will try).

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